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BOOT TO A BINDING

TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A system for mounting a rider to a snowboard, the system comprising:

a snowboard boot having a sole including a heel area, an arch area and a toe area;

a non-safety-releasable snowboard binding;

a first engagement member; and

a second engagement member;

wherein one of the first and second engagement members is mounted to the sole of the snowboard boot forward of the arch area and the other of the first and second engagement members is mounted to the binding;

wherein the first engagement member is adapted to mate with the second engagement member to engage the snowboard boot to the binding;

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